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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. YEMENIS ARE STILL READING THE THREE-VOLUME ARABIC VERSION OF THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. POST DISTRIBUTED LAST SUMMER. PRESIDENT IBRAHIM AL-HAMDI TOLD AMBASSADOR SCOTES HE IS READING THE HISTORY. NATIONAL INSTITUTE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT DEAN REQUESTED FIVE COPIES FOR NIPA FACULTY AND HIMSELF AFTER HE SAW DEAN'S COPY. JOURNALISTS IN MININFO WHO WERE NOT ON POST'S ARS LIST ASKED WHERE THEIR COPY IS. WHEN PDRY LITERARY DELEGATION VISITED YARG GOVERNMENT DAILY AL-THOWRA'S EDITOR, MAHMOUD AL-HAGG, THEY NOTED THE HISTORY ON HIS BOOKSHELF AND JOKINGLY TRIED TO TAKE COPY AWAY. TAIZ MAYOR SAID HE HAS GIVEN HIS COPY TO RUSSIAN CONSUL TO READ. POST WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COPIES FROM NEIGHBORING POSTS WHO HAVE EXTRAS AND DISTRIBUTE TO ADDITIONAL TAS NOT COVERED BY POST'S ORIGINAL ALLOTMENT OF ONE HUNDRED.

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2. AMERICAN EMBASSY HAS SENT FIVE LEADING YEMENIS TO THE US ON IVS IN FY 75 AND UY. OF THESE FIVE, TWO--ABDULLAH BARAKAT, DIRECTOR OF THE OFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WITH RANK OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, AND ABDUL HAMID IL-HADDI, UNDERSECRETARY OF MUNICIPALITIES--ARE STUDYING ENGLISH WITH TUTORS ARRANGED BY USIS. A THIRD, HAMOUD BAIDAR, FORMER GOVERNOR OF IBB, HAS REQUESTED POST

ASSISTANCE IN FINDING A SUITABLE US INSTITUTION FOR HIM TO STUDY ENGLISH IN--AS LONG AS NECESSARY--TO BRING HIS ENGLISH UP TO LEVEL. ALL THREE MEN ARE STUDYING ENGLISH WITH AIRM OF ENTERING AN AMGERICAN INSTITUTION THE FIRST TIME THEY FIND A BREAK IN THEIR BUSY GOVERNMENT CAREERS. BARAKAT TALKS ABOUT A PH.D., IL-HADDI WANTS AN MA IN A DEVELOPMENT-RELATED SUBJECT AND BAIDAR WANTS A BA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. ALL THREE MEN FEEL AN AMERICAN EDUCATION WILL HELP THEM TO DO THEIR JOB BETTER. RANSOM

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